IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:21CV506

HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)
HAND HELD PRODUCTS, INC., and)
METROLOGIC INSTRUMENTS, INC.,)
)
  Plaintiffs,)
)
vs.)
) ORDER
OPTO ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.,)
)
  Defendant.)
_____)

  This matter is before the Court upon Defendant's Consent Motion to File its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Dismiss Under Seal. (Doc. No. 25).

  When a party makes a request to seal judicial records, the Court must: (1) give the public notice and a reasonable opportunity to challenge the request to seal; (2) "consider less drastic alternatives to sealing;" and (3) if it decides to seal, make specific findings and state the reasons for its decision to seal rather than choosing other alternatives. *Virginia Dep't of State Police v. Washington Post*, 386 F.3d 567, 576 (4th Cir. 2004). In accordance with the law of this Circuit as well as the Local Rules, the Court has considered the Motion to Seal, the public's interest in access to such materials, and alternatives to sealing. The public has been provided with adequate notice and an opportunity to object to the Defendant's motion. Defendant filed its motion on February 9, 2022 and it has been accessible to the public through the Court's electronic case filing system since that time. The Court determines that no less restrictive means other than sealing is sufficient because a public filing of such materials would reveal confidential business information that would cause harm to the Parties should the information be disclosed. The Court

concludes that the sealing of this document is narrowly tailored to serve the interest of protecting

the confidential information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion to Seal is hereby GRANTED, and the

following documents and materials shall be filed under seal until further Order of this Court:

Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Dismiss.

Signed: February 15, 2022

Graham C. Mullen
United States District Judge